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1. The administration of the Soviet Zone German Democratic Republic will be purged in three consecutive stages, the first action affecting those who will be dismissed following investigation by the SED, the second all those who were PWs in western countries, and the third those who were officers or higher-grade NCOs. An official statement said that even those who were western PWs for only one day will be dismissed because it appeared that 97 percent of the information broadcast by RIAS was supplied by such persons.
2. The first stage of the purge has already been executed. The second and the third are under way. The dismissal of the latter two categories was to take place on 30 September and 31 December 1951.

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